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SUBJECT: BELL HELICOPTER: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL
HELICOPTERS

REF: BUCHAREST 1664

1. DURING BRAMANTE/SMITH MEETING 06 MAY WITH TEHNOIMPORT
DIRECTOR COSTESCU, LATTER INDICATED CONTINUING ROMANIAN INTEREST
IN BELL AGRICULTURAL HELICOPTER AND DISAPPOINTMENT IN LACK OF
BELL RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE THIS SUBJECT.

2. COSTESCU INDICATED AWARENESS THAT MODEL 47 NO LONGER IN PRO-
DUCTION BUT EXPRESSED DESIRE TO RECEIVE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL
FROM BELL. HE ALSO REPORTED HE HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INFORMATION
ON NEWER MODEL WITH AGRICULTURAL SPRAY CAPABILITY AS PROMISED BY
BELL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE WE ARE SENSITIVE TO BELL'S HESITANCY
IN DEALING WITH TEHNOIMPORT FOLLOWING DISAPPOINTMENT IN PREVIOUS
HELICOPTER PROJECT, BEWT REQUESTED TO ADVISE HANS WEICHSEL, BELL
VICE PRESIDENT (TELEPHONE (817) 280-2131) AND ROBERT RAMSEY,
WASHINGTON REP, OF CONTINUING ROMANIAN INTEREST IN AGRICULTURAL
HELICOPTER AND URGE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO LATEST ROMANIAN
INQUIRY. ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE ANY GUARANTEES
ON THIS MATTER, PROBLEM OF FRENCH COMPETITION, WHICH WAS MAJOR
DIFFICULTY IN PREVIOUS CASE, APPARENTLY DOES NOT EXIST HERE SINCE,
ACCORDING TO COSTESCU, FRENCH DO NOT PRODUCE THIS TYPE HELICOPTER.
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